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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC647). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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Sir:

The present Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, as the Response to the Final Office Action mailed November 21, 2003, filed January 16, 2004 was not entered in the present case. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2, while the Remarks begin on page 4, and the Conclusion is on page 10. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. As the present Response is being filed within two (2) months of the mailing date of the present Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully request that an Advisory Action or Notice of

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).

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Allowance/Issue Fee Due be provided, following the Examiner's consideration of the present Response.

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